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Confidential.

Mysore,

4th July 1904.

My dear Colonel Jones,

Now that we have been maintaining an Imperial Service Regiment of cavalry and a Transport corps for the past some years, it should therefore be possible for us to know what the weak points of the system are, not only as it exists in Mysore, but also if possible, as it exists in other Native States. Are our troops in their present form capable of meeting all the requirements of the Imperial Government as understood by them or do we require more improvements to meet their purposes? Please also let me know what

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Cpt Jones Military Asstt	Dewan

What is strength of reserve of a British & Native Cavalry regiment send particulars &c &c by tonights Train

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in India

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Native Officers { Risaldar — 150 p.m.
1 Duffadar — 60 p.m.
Rat Dafadars Rs 22 p.m. allowance 7 p.m.
Daffadars Rs 22 p.m.
3 Troop Daffadars Sowars Rs 11 p.m. allowance Rs 5 p.m.
Farriers — Rs 18 p.m.
Trumpeters — Rs 18 p.m.
Sowars — Rs 11 p.m.

Taken from the Peace establishment of the Regiments of Cavalry & Imperial Service Troops

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24 each 6 Duffadars 24 each 3 Pay
Duffadars 17 each 4 Farriers 18 each
2 Trumpeters 18 each 107 Troopers 11 each

Bangalore
S. I. R.

Mysdear Mr Donne,

The Secretary has invited me for the Imperial Service troops file which I believe is in your office. If I am right, please send it up to me so that I may be enabled to forward it Mysore today.

Yours sincerely

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Mysore Military
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Srirangapatna

Your telegram please send the I S organization file

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

on Sir Krishna Murti

wh respect to yr Confid. No of 4 inst.

From the Durbar point of view the great fault of the present system is I think that limited as it is yr letter

viz that the Durbar has practically no control over the matter of expenditure

The Troops must be maintained as nearly as possible at the same standard of efficiency as British Troops.

and as the standard of equipment of the latter is constantly being raised so the cost of the Durbar Imp S Troops perpetually rises.

For the Durbar from a financial point

view it wd. doubtless have been were
ben the offer was made to maintain troops
- have offered a distinct sum. for.
maintenance of such troops. & not to
have given the strength of the Corps.
Had this been done. Insp Officers wd.
have kept the cost with the limits of the
diff any enhancement of equipment
met by a proportionate reduction in
strength of cadre of the Corps.
As regards the whole Question of the
Policy of maintaining such troops.
This is a matter which concerns the Govt.
of India rather than the Durbar.
I think however the system is wrong
throughout
It seems to me. ridiculous to suppose
that if it is necessary to maintain

1 or 8 English Officers to each of the training of a Nat. Cavalry Regt. in the British service. it is impossible to produce any thing like equal efficiency with only ½ the time & one English Officer to a whole Regt. of Imperial Service

Recent wars have shown how necessary it is that every man who has to be fed in the front line should be in the highest state of efficiency as a soldier - and it seems to me the waste of money therefore to maintain any but absolutely efficient troops

Moreover if the Southern Castes are not good enough for soldiers & must be replaced (as is now being done in the Madras Army) by Pathans & Punjabis It is self evident that the Imp. Service Troops of the Presidency should be similarly constituted

11. Political reason advanced for raising

these troops. was. that to do duty would give loyal useful employment- to the military classes : Native States who if unemployed might- decide their time to- disloyalty.

But- if to produce the necessary efficiency: it- is necessary to- substitute for these extra - State subjects like Pathans. The whole Political value of the system disappears.

I have previously pointed out- that the military efficiency is practically impossible without more British officers & I therefore think the whole system a mistake.

As regards the working of the system It- seems to me that if the Local Gov is good enough to- report on the British troops. : the province he was

and the method of report of Simla
is cumbersome & useless for Troops
situated close to large Military Stations
like Bangalore & Secunderabad
We rarely have any trouble with the Native officers
& you will
recollect that it happened with reference to
the question of enhancing the pay of the Staff that
the Native officers was inclined to favour
the men by considerably over that of the
British corps.
As the Mysore corps has the advantage
of being Local. the men really ought to
be procurable at slightly less wages than
is offered to attract them to the
British Service: and we ended by a compromise
at a rate considerably below his recommendation
Trouble of this sort depends very much
on the individual inspecting officer
as a rule however. I have found them
very careful in regard to expenditure
Restricting their recommendations
to that is really essential
for the good of the corps

Mulled

As you know, I am General Beale's suggestion that we should sell all our old cards & use the Indore. Dunbar & replace them with my newest pattern but I have received no reply & that letter.

I hope with the additional grapelands in which I am applying & the forest enhancement & care, a large amount by working the transport & conveying goods to the Coalition mills, and their work is consequently establishing the date is well known & yours.

I hope I have not been too discursive in my note. But if any further information is wanted on any particular point please let me know & I will work it out.

Yours very truly

H. T.